

Remarks/Arguments

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 4-6 and 9-12 are rejected. Claims 2-3, 7, 8, 13-20 and 29-30 have been deemed allowable. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Independent claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 13. Allowable dependent claims 15, 29 and 19 have been rewritten in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim 12.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 4-6 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Harper Jr., et al. Applicant submits that the independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the subject matter deemed to be allowable by the examiner. Accordingly, applicant requests that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The claims have been shown to be allowable over the prior art. Applicant believes that this paper is responsive to each and every ground of rejection cited by the Examiner in the Action dated September 17, and respectfully requests favorable action in this application. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0309 (Reference Number 1048).

Respectfully submitted,

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